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TAGS: CASC, TW
SUBJECT: US CITIZENS' RIGHT TO COMMUNICATE WITH EMBASSY

REF: (A) STATE 035312, (B) TAIPEI 0510

1. WE ARE SOMEWHAT DISTURBED BY THE DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN THE VERSION MRS. WANG YU-AN GAVE THE DEPARTMENT OF HER RECEPTION HERE BY ROC SECURITY OFFICIALS ON DECEMBER 27 (REF A) AND THAT WHICH SHE HAD PREVIOUSLY GIVEN US. SINCE SHE IS THE ONLY SOURCE OF THE INFORMATION WE HAVE AT OUR DISPOSAL, PROBLEM WE HAVE IS HOW WE CAN CARRY OUT EFFECTIVELY A RATHER STIFF DEMARCHE WHICH IS BASED SOLELY ON THE SECOND TELLING OF MRS. WANG'S STORY SOME TIME AFTER THE EVENT TOOK PLACE.

2. FOR EXAMPLE, ON THE MATTER OF CONTACTING THE EMBASSY, MRS. WANG TOLD US THAT ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER SHE HAD ASKED TO CALL THE EMBASSY, HER OFFICIAL INTERROGATORS RELEASED HER (REF B). SHE DID NOT TELL US THAT SHE HAD BEEN REQUIRED TO SIGN A WRITTEN STATEMENT THAT SHE WOULD NOT DISCUSS HER INTERROGATION WITH THE EMBASSY OR ANY AMERICAN ON PAIN OF UNFAVORABLE CONSEQUENCES FOR HER FAMILY. WHATEVER SHE MIGHT HAVE SIGNED, HOWEVER, APPARENTLY DID NOT PREVENT HER FROM VISITING THE CONSULAR SECTION ON THREE
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SEPARATE OCCASIONS.

3. IN VIEW OF THESE DISCREPANCIES, EMBASSY BELIEVES THE APPROACH TO MOFA PROPOSED REF A SHOULD BE MADE IN A SOMEWHAT LESS CATEGORICAL MANNER THAN THAT PRESENTED REFTEL. WE WOULD PROPOSE TO COVER THE POINTS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH THREE OF REF A, BUT TO PRESENT

THEM IN A CONDITIONAL CONTEXT: THAT MRS. WANG, AN
AMERICAN CITIZEN, HAS MADE SOME VERY SERIOUS
ALLEGATIONS ABOUT THE DENIAL OF HER REQUEST TO COMMUNICATE WITH
THE US EMBASSY AND THAT IF
THOSE ALLEGATIONS ARE TRUE, THEN THE POINTS
ENUMERATED REF A ARE APPLICABLE.

4. PLEASE ADVISE.
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